

Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:

- WHEREAS, Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are healthcare professionals who provide "hands on" daily supports, training and habilitative services to persons with developmental and physical disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, This workforce is responsible for the health, safety and emotional well-being of the individuals they support, helping them to live more meaningful and productive lives within their community by promoting inclusion and independence; and
- WHEREAS, The need for quality supports provided by the direct care workforce continues to grow at an alarming rate; however, low wages and high turnover among DSPs are contributing to a national workforce shortage and healthcare crisis; and
- WHEREAS, It is important to raise awareness of the direct support workforce;
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim September 14-20, 2009, as

DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION WEEK

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort
this 10th day of September, in the year of Our
Lord Two Thousand Nine and in the 218th year of
the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson
Secretary of State

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TREY GRAYSON

SECRETARY OF STATE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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